

## Guzzlers: Water Development Systems Helping Wildlife



- A wildlife guzzler is a rain catchment system that collects rain during storms and stores it in a large tank underground.
- Gravity fed, a small open area on the surface allows water to be available for wildlife.
- These water developments are built in areas where there is not enough water to support wildlife without a supplemental

water source.

- NV Department of Wildlife, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have installed more than 1,710 guzzlers throughout Nevada as of 2015.
- Only the needed water believed to be adequate for wildlife is stored. Aprons are sized to capture that water but all that is captured is not stored. The rest is overflowed and naturally returns to the aquifer.

There are several good videos on the internet on guzzlers, including:

- Wildlife Water Guzzlers with Randy Newberg
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qsv6JYVcQzI>
- Wild Sheep Conservation- Making Water Available
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=527eFXCOULO>
- Wild Sheep Foundation: The Lava Guzzler Project
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yKKzfQZwIgM>